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1. IN SEPTEMBER 1976, THIS MISSION ORGANIZED A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE MISSION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ACTIVITIES. COMMITTEE IS CHAIRED BY USAID OFFICER (A FORMER STATE DEPARTMENT SCIENCE OFFICER) WHO IS MISSION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISOR; AN E/CM OFFICER AND A USICA OFFICER ARE OTHER PERMANENT MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE; OTHER MISSION ELEMENTS (E.G., POL, AGATT, DAO, MEDICAL UNIT, NAMRU) PARTICIPATE ON AN AD HOC BASIS. WE HAVE FOUND THIS COMMITTEE TO BE AN EFFECTIVE TOOL FOR MANAGING AND COORDINATING OUR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ACTIVITIES.

2. MAJOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ACTIVITIES ARE DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

A) USAID - ALL DEVELOPMENT-ORIENTED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND NON-COMMERCIAL SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE, INCLUDING INSTITUTIONAL AND MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT, SMALL-SCALE NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY, SMALL-SCALE INDUSTRY, INSTRUMENTATION AND STANDARDS, ENVIRONMENT, AQUATIC RESOURCES AND MARINE SCIENCE; FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY; LOW COST
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HOUSING TECHNOLOGY, AND CERTAIN NON-COMMERCIAL NON-DEFENSE SPACE ACTIVITIES.

B) EMBASSY (PRINCIPALLY E/CM SECTION) - COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIALLY-ORIENTED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ALSO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH HEAVY POLITICAL CONTENT (E.G., NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION AND LAW OF THE SEA).

EXAMPLES INCLUDE CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR ENERGY, ALSO LARGER-SCALE NON-CONVENTIONAL SUCH AS GEOTHERMAL PROJECTS, HIGH TECHNOLOGY LARGER-SCALE INDUSTRIES (E.G., PETROCHEMICAL, AERONAUTICAL, COMPUTER), REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND COMMERCIAL TECHNOLOGY (LICENSING, ETC.), COMMERCIAL AND SOME NON-COMMERCIAL SPACE ACTIVITIES, ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS WHEN THEY IMPACT COMMERCIALY (E.G., WILDLIFE EXPORT/IMPORT, REFORESTATION POLICIES).

C) USICA - PROGRAMMING SPEAKERS, INTERNATIONAL VISITORS, USE OF FILMS, VIDEOTAPES AND CONTACT WITH MEDIA THROUGH PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS.

D) OTHER ELEMENTS OF MISSION - AS APPROPRIATE.

3. STAFFING AND MAN-HOURS/WEEK:

A) USAID - ONE AMERICAN OFFICER AND TWO FSL'S, ONE A SECRETARY, FULL-TIME ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. OTHER OFFICERS IN USAID MISSION (EDUCATION, HEALTH, ETC.) ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY 40 HOURS PER WEEK ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MATTERS.

B) E/CM OFFICER PRINCIPALLY CHARGED WITH EMBASSY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESPONSIBILITY ESTIMATES 8 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOURS PER WEEK, ALL OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS SPEND ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL 8 HOURS PER WEEK ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AFFAIRS. STAFF SUPPORT (SECRETARIAL, COMMUNICATORS, ETC.) INVOLVES ADDITIONAL 16 HOURS PER WEEK.

C) USICA - FOR ALL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS, USICA STAFF SPENDS 7 HOURS PER WEEK (AMERICAN) AND 19 PER WEEK (INDONESIAN).

4. USG'S PRINCIPAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INTERESTS IN INDONESIA INVOLVE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS TO INDONESIAN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MEASUREMENT AND EXPLOITATION OF INDONESIAN NATURAL RESOURCES, PARTICULARLY ENERGY RESOURCES, AND COMMERCIAL IMPACT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CONCERNS AS NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION, AND INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION.

5. SINCE INSTITUTION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE, WE BELIEVE WE HAVE BEEN ABLE HANDLE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MATTERS ADEQUATELY AND APPROPRIATELY GIVEN OUR PRESENT INTERESTS IN INDONESIA. HOWEVER, IF

A REGIONAL ENERGY RESEARCH CENTER (AS PROPOSED BY THE EMBASSY) PARTIALLY SUPPORTED BY THE US WERE TO BE ESTABLISHED IN INDONESIA, AN ADDITIONAL POSTION MIGHT BE REQUIRED. WE MUST ALSO POINT OUT THAT THE PRESENT USAID OFFICER CONCERNED IS A PERSON WITH LONG OES, AS WELL AS USAID, EXPERIENCE, WHICH HAS MADE HIM OF PARTICULAR VALUE TO THIS MISSION.

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